

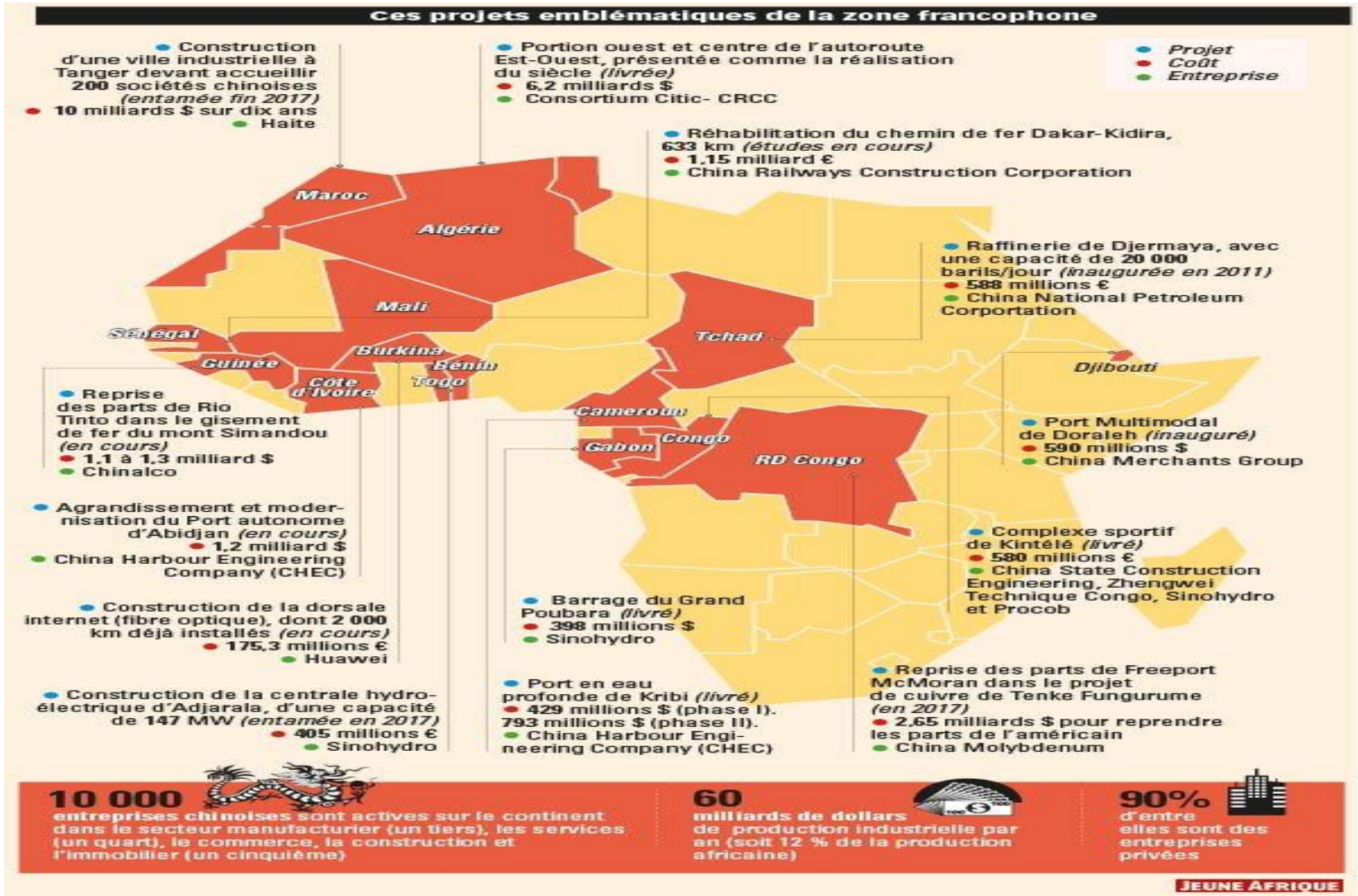


Chinese Infrastructure Projects in Central African Countries: Incentives, Local Implications and Significations

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Introduction : Chinese infrastructure projects in Central African Countries



Source: Financial Times and Jeune Afrique 2017

Context and theoretical Framework

- × China and Central African Countries : Cameroon, DRC, Chad, Congo, Gabon
- × China in Africa , China as donor actor. Win win policy
- × Central African countries (infrastructure needs)
- × Infrastructure deficit in SSA (2012 : Cost 75 billion USD/year , (WorldBank, 2011. Cristina Alves 2013))
- × Chinese FDI and win win strategy in Africa

Incentives

- × Chinese FDI motivations
- × Economic diplomacy
- × Strategic reasons
- × Recipient countries requests and needs (infrastructure).
- × African Development Bank annual infrastructure requirements to be \$ 130 to \$170 billion in Africa in 2018 (Brautigam 2019).
- × Diversification of Development et economic partners

Local implications and significations

- × Type of infrastructure : Official Building, roads, dams, electrification
- × Urban vs rural areas
- × Elite capture , debt trap, natural resources predation
- × Chinese vs local labor
- × Modernization theory vs old donors' competition.
- × Symbols of power vs local development perspective (hospitals, schools, rural roads, electricity)

Perceptions et discourses

- × Mitigated perceptions (state vs local community)
- × Elites vs local community
- × Chinese labour vs local benefits
- × Infrastructure quality
- × Exploiter , development partner ?

Conclusion

- × Huge Chinese FDI infrastructure development
- × In the framework of modernization and win win policy
- × Mitigated perceptions.
- × Chinese ethical business principles
- × Chinese Belt and Road Initiative



Infrastructure pictures in Central African Countries

Yaoundé Conference Center in Cameroon



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Maquette for Congo parliament building



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Chadian houses of parliament



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Road infrastructure in DRC



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Stadium in Gabon



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Flood barrier in Gabon



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